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dishwasher door assembly 190 is opened and closed as dishwasher 100 (shown in Figure 1) is used.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (once amended) A door panel assembly for a dishwasher, said door assembly comprising:
a panel comprising a formation depending therefrom, said formation comprising a curved arch portion; and
a seal member comprising a head portion and an opening therein complementary in shape to said formation, said formation received in said opening.
 2. (once amended) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said formation further comprises a heel portion and a toe portion, said arch portion extending between said heel portion and said toe portion.

6. (once amended) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein said door panel comprises an inner door panel.

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7. (once amended) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said formation depends from a bottom portion of said inner door panel, a portion of said formation extending substantially parallel to said barrier portion.

8. (once amended) A door panel assembly for a dishwasher, said door panel assembly comprising:
an inner door panel comprising a formation extending therefrom, said formation comprising at least one flat surface and a curved surface extending opposite said flat surface; and

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a seal member comprising a head portion and an opening therethrough, said opening receiving said formation and attaching said seal member to said formation.

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11. (once amended) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 10, said formation comprising a boot portion, said curved surface comprising a curved arch portion extending from said heel.

12. A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 8, said inner door panel further comprising a barrier portion extending therefrom in a spaced apart relationship to said formation, said flat surface of said formation extending substantially parallel to said barrier formation.

14. (once amended) A door panel assembly comprising:

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a panel comprising a bottom portion, a formation extending therefrom, and a barrier portion extending therefrom in a spaced apart relationship to said formation; and

a seal member comprising a head portion and a flap portion extending from said head portion and contacting a distal end of said barrier portion, said head portion comprising an opening therethrough for receiving said formation, said head portion engaged to said formation.

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16. (once amended) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 15 wherein said formation comprises a boot portion comprising at least a curved arch surface.

17. (once amended) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 16 wherein said boot portion further comprises a flat edge extending substantially parallel to said barrier portion.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed July 2, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.